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POLICE DEPARTMENT REVAMPED

New Division Formed Here

Formation of a uniformed division for the Torrance Police Department, and several changes of assignment were announced here this week by Police Chief Percy G. Bennett. The changes will be effective Feb. 1.

Comprising the new uniform division will be all traffic and patrol officers. It will be under the direct command of Capt. John Maestri, a veteran officer on the force.

Lt. Gus Rethwisch was named to head the juvenile bureau to succeed Lt. D. C. Cook who was transferred to the new uniform division.

OTHER transfers included the assignment of Robert Hammond to the juvenile bureau and Lonnie Brown to the adult detective bureau. The detective bureau will continue to operate under the direction of Asst. Chief M. H. Porter, Bennett said.

"These changes and transfers are in no way demotions for anybody," Bennett stressed.

He said the move was being made to streamline operation of the department and make communications more efficient.

LT. DON NASH will still head the traffic bureau which is now part of the uniformed division.

Captain Maestri, who is heading the new division, has been a member of the Torrance police force since 1957, and has experience in all phases of police work.

He spent several years in the traffic bureau, and was promoted through the ranks to sergeant, lieutenant, and captain.

He is married and has one son, Harold, a senior at Torrance High.

"THE ESTABLISHMENT of a uniform division should mean closer coordination throughout all of the departments," Maestri said yesterday after the assignment was announced.

Lt. Rethwisch, a graduate of the Delinquency Control Institute at the University of Southern California, has been assigned to the juvenile bureau for several years, and is thoroughly familiar with the operations of that department, Chief Bennett said.

Assigned to the department with Rethwisch at the present time are Leo Gonzales, H. G. Ingram, Dorothy Culverhouse, Regina Ryan, and Hammond. Brown, who was transferred to the juvenile bureau, is one of the younger officers of the force who has shown an interest and aptitude for detective work, Bennett reported.

Glenn W. Pfeil Herald's New Co-Publisher



GLENN W. PFEIL Named Herald Co-Publisher

Glenn W. Pfeil, for the past 4 1/2 years general manager of THE HERALD, assumed new duties and extended authority this week when he became co-publisher.

In his new role, Pfeil is operating and resident publisher and will be available at all times for decisions on editorial and operating policies.

CO-PUBLISHER Pfeil came to Torrance in July 1954 shortly after purchase of THE HERALD from Mrs. Grover Whyte by Publisher King Williams with whom he had been associated for many years at Williams Press, Inc., in Illinois. He started his newspaper career as a very young man and received training and experience in all phases of the business. During World War II he served in the Marine Corps as a combat correspondent.

The new co-publisher is vice-president of the Controlled Circulation Unit of the California Newspaper Publishers Assn., is a member of the Torrance Kiwanis club and is active in other local civic and social groups.

WILLIAMS continues as co- (Continued on Page 2)

Council Opens Annexing Gate

Members of the city council, each of them admitting that they had been contacted privately by residents of unincorporated areas around the city, swung open the gates to those seeking annexation to Torrance this week and announced publicly it would "listen to overtures from outlying areas."

Discussing some of the possibilities for annexation to Torrance in an informal pre-council session, the city fathers studied a special map showing areas adjacent to the city in Lomita, Lawndale, and Rolling Hills which were "available."

One certain development of the evening was the proposed annexation of a small Lomita parcel near Lomita Blvd. and Crenshaw adjacent to another recent annexation known as the Howard Tract. This area will undoubtedly be annexed to Torrance. Other Lomita areas roughly between Pennsylvania and Crenshaw were discussed.

BIGGEST SURPRISE was a probably the serious discussion of a Lawndale area, which several members of the council said had supporters for annexation within its boundaries.

Councilman Nick Draie said he had been approached on the matter, and that at least one person had said they were ready to circulate petitions in the area.

"No neighbor of ours should

get alarmed that the big city of Torrance is going to gobble them up," Mayor Al Isen said during the discussion. He pointed out that any annexation proceedings must be initiated by the residents of the area involved.

"I'm not interested in wholesale annexation," Councilman Willys Blount said. "I want to know what they've got to offer us before we go annexing them," he said, speaking of annexations in general.

"They've got plenty of problems for us," Councilman Jay Beasley answered.

BOB JAHN'S suggestion that the city manager be authorized to employ someone to dig out the facts concerning wishes of (Continued on Page 2)

Sales Tax Allotment Up in City

Local sales and use taxes collected during the third quarter of 1958 and distributed during the fourth quarter were nearly \$4000 higher than 1957 figures, it was reported this week by the State Board of Equalization in Sacramento.

Third quarter taxes in Torrance during 1958 were \$159,479 as compared to \$155,973 during 1957, the report indicated.

The figures indicate a total taxable sales in Torrance of nearly \$4 million during July August and September of 1958.

Figures for other cities in the Southwest and Beach areas show gains for all but Inglewood and Lakewood.

Third quarter sales tax reports for nearby cities:

Compton	\$289,821
Gardena	103,152
Hawthorne	110,070
Inglewood	302,706
Lakewood	170,772
Redondo	130,111
Santa Monica	462,736
Torrance	159,479



THE 49th STAR... Although the flag at Parkway School doesn't have a 49th star yet, Annette and Gudren Soderholm hold up a paper star for size while Jack Paulsrud and Harold Stevenson look on. The Soderholm twins recently came over from their native country, Sweden, and are eagerly learning about their new land. Parkway School this week initiated Tuesday morning flag ceremonies in front of the school with all 650 students participating.

Pupils to Get Free Dental Check Ups

Some 2500 first graders in Torrance schools will get free dental check-ups during February through arrangements made by the Torrance Dental Health Assn.

Nineteen local dentists will donate their time to check the youngsters' teeth, with reports on their findings sent home to parents. In cases where the children are unable to afford dental care, the Dental Health Assn. helps out.

An appeal for funds for the non-profit, non-sectarian organization went out this week from

Darwin Parrish, president. The association seeks to assist needy children and to promote dental health education. Organized locally in 1952, the group is staffed by volunteers with all donations going for direct dental care.

Besides donating their time to check on the children's teeth annually, dentists assist in keeping the costs to needy children to a minimum.

Further information about the organization-sponsored welfare organization can be obtained from the Torrance Dental Health Assn., P. O. Box 152, Torrance. Donations also may be sent to this address.

Parkway Students Raise Flag

Students at Parkway School Friday morning proudly raised Old Glory — still the 48-star variety — in what will be the first of a series of weekly patriotic ceremonies in front of the school.

The students heard the Gettysburg Address read by Student Body President Allen Thoma, with music furnished by a drum and trumpet corps of students.

Students proudly came to attention as members of the flag crew raised the banner. Helping in the flag-raising ceremonies were Dave Farber, Alan Thoma, Bob Franjose, Jack Paulsrud, Harold Stevenson, and Jack Pierce.

Remelmeyer To Head Red Cross Drive

Stanley F. Remelmeyer, Torrance city attorney, will lead the American Red Cross Fund raising appeal in Torrance in 1959.

Remelmeyer's appointment as fund chairman was announced this week by Ivar O. Hanson, president of the Rancho Palos Verdes Corp., who is serving as the 1959 fund chairman for the Southern Region of the Los Angeles Red Cross Chapter.

Remelmeyer is thoroughly familiar with Red Cross activities, having served as vice-chairman and then during the past year as chairman of the Torrance-Lomita Red Cross branch.

In accepting the chairmanship of the fund campaign, he said that his experience had given him a keen realization of the organization's need for added financial support and that he intends to proceed immediately with the organization of top leadership in Torrance, to insure a swift and efficient campaign in March.

He has already enlisted the services of Mrs. John Mangan (Continued on Page 6)

Use of Language Arts as Tool of Communication Explained

Emphasis on use of language as a means of communication rather than as an end merely to be studied for its own sake was pointed up as a goal of the Torrance Unified School District by four local educators at a meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee held at the Y.W.C.A. at noon Monday.

The use of language begins in kindergarten, where stress is placed on enunciation, listening, following directions, and the practice of relating stories in sequence, stated Lloyd Jones, principal of Seaside Elementary School.

In the primary grades, according to Jones, the pupils progress to manuscript writing, simple sentences, phonics, structural analysis, and basic spelling. By the time the student reaches the upper grades, the Seaside principal pointed out, he is already using language as a tool of written communication in creative writing, school papers, plays, and letter-writing.

"CREATIVE writing is no longer delegated to the fiction writer alone," stated Mrs. Mary Long, teacher at Seaside School, who pointed out that business letters and scientific reports in the post-school world are creative expressions. She indicated that in marking students' compositions, the goal is to aid the student achieve "correct" writing techniques. One of the teaching tools used to help the student gain insight into his own weaknesses and progress, she stated, is to have him keep his own score card and graph of his progress.

RESEARCH was defined as "the discovery of new truths" by Bill Zakar, teacher at Seaside School, who outlined to the group methods taught in research writing classes.

He described the ways in which pupils doing research on the grade-school level are taught to select those words in the material they are studying which convey in-

formation sought, skim read, diagram the information they have selected, and summarize or outline the words which give the "core effect" of the information they have gathered.

The pupils then condense and rewrite this material in the form of research booklets, Zakar stated, which is where their creativity enters the picture.

SECONDARY school teacher Mrs. Lavona Dunworth of North High School stated that language arts in high school covers a multitude of courses, both elective and required. Required English courses for high school students include: Freshman Problems, World Heritage and American Heritage, during the first three years, and a choice in the senior year of Practical English, Language Arts, or Senior English. Other English courses, which are elective, are speech, drama, reading, journalism, business correspondence, and the annual staff.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What are your reading habits? What books do you read? Magazines? Comic books?"

That was the question the HERALD's photographer asked several persons shopping in Torrance this week. Their pictures and answers appear below.

Emily Murphy, 231 Pl., Hawthorne:

"I prefer magazines. My favorite is the Reader's Digest. I also read Life and Esquire. When I do read books, I prefer the non-fiction variety."

Joann Duran, 23738 Pennsylvania, typist:

"I rarely read comic books. Mostly, my reading is devoted to magazines and newspapers. Movie magazines are my favorites. If there is a good book in the house I'll read it. I enjoy novels mostly."

Jane Teuchert, 5143 Newton St., housewife:

"Anything I can get my hands on! I'm an avid magazine reader. Each month I read Ladies' Home Journal, True, Reader's Digest, Saturday Evening Post, Good Housekeeping, and Coronet. I also go to the library frequently. My favorite authors are Pearl Buck and Frank Yerby. I don't usually read comic books but I do enjoy reading newspapers."

Joe Maller, Hollywood, jewelry salesman:

"I enjoy condensed news and stories. My two favorite magazines are the Reader's Digest and Coronet. I like to keep up with current events, and do this by means of newspapers. No, I do not read comic books."

Tom Christensen, Redondo Beach, shoe repairman:

"I read all three, but very little of the comic books. I also read newspapers. My favorite magazine reading is trade journals. I like to keep up with the industry. In addition I enjoy the magazine 'Motor Trends.' In books, I prefer non-fiction."

Mrs. Edward Mayer, 2717 Sonoma St., medical secretary:

"Magazines mostly, and a good novel sometimes. I particularly enjoy Sunset and Ladies' Home Journal. I also read the fashion magazines regularly, Harper's Bazaar and Vogue."



MAP PLANS... Plans for the 1959 American Red Cross Fund appeal in Torrance were outlined recently when fund chairmen met here. Pictured plotting the local campaign are: left to right, Ivar O. Hanson, chairman for the southern region; Frederick L. Schnell, Los Angeles Chapter chairman; Mrs. John Mangan, Torrance residential chairman; and Stanley Remelmeyer, Torrance Fund chairman.